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Wichita Police Officer Charged

Wichita Police Department (WPD) Officer Jax Rutledge has been charged with one count of misdemeanor domestic battery and one count of misdemeanor criminal deprivation of property by the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office.

In a change from WPD practice, Chief Gordon Ramsay said, Rutledge is on administrative leave without pay.

Rutledge has been employed as a WPD police officer for nine years.

The charges stem from an Oct. 9 incident while Rutledge was off-duty. The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office made the arrest for misdemeanor domestic violence battery and theft.

The case was investigated by the Sheriff's Office in a collaborative agreement to ensure transparency and avoid conflicts of interest.

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